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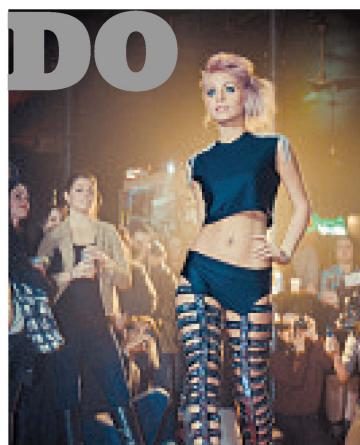
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SIP & TIP

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Tip one back and tip the guest bartenders—all gratuities benefit the Chicago Artist Coalition and the evening's bartenders are program artists and curators—at this fundraiser which also features \$4 signature cocktails, complimentary appetizers from Whole Foods and beats by DJ Lauren Jobe. 7:10 p.m. No cover.



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ECHOES OF A MASSACRE

Above: A sign expressing displeasure with the media is tacked on a pole in Newtown, Conn., on Wednesday.
Right: Discs of 911 recordings available for journalists **REUTERS PHOTOS**

A year after the attack, officials release 911 tapes of Sandy Hook shooting

Tribune newspapers

Newtown school shooting 911 calls reveal a mixture of calm and anguish from the callers, and gunshots from the assailant are heard in the background, audio recordings released Wednesday by officials reveal.

The shooting spree at the Connecticut school a year ago killed 20 children and six educators.

Gunman Adam Lanza, 20, shot dead his mother at home on Dec. 14, 2012, then went to the school, where he massacred 26 people before killing himself.

"They're shooting at the front door, something's going on. ... The front glass is all shot

out, it kept going on. It's still happening," a man calling himself Richard, sounding agitated and confused, told a 911 emergency operator in one of the seven phone recordings.

The operator calmly told him to take cover.

Town officials initially tried to prevent release of the recordings. The state Freedom of Information Commission ordered seven calls placed from inside the elementary school to be aired.

Late last month, a judge ruled that the town must comply with the commission's order, and Newtown officials have since dropped their appeal. First Selectman Pat Llodra recently reversed her long-standing position, saying the tapes should be released in full in order to prevent partial leaks.

One of the first callers, a deeply anguished woman, grows increasingly distraught over the course of the 24-second call. In the final sec-

onds, she grows more insistent, pleading with the 911 operator for help.

"They're still running, they're still shooting," she said, a volley of several gunshots audible in the background. "Sandy Hook school, please!"

On another call, a woman who described herself as a teacher said she was shot in the foot. The 911 operator instructed her to apply pressure on the wound.

"There's children in this room," the teacher said, sighing heavily.

"Are you OK right now?" the 911 operator asks?

"For now, hopefully," the teacher said, sounding worried.

On Tuesday, Newtown School Superintendent John Reed emailed parents to alert them to the recordings' release and remind them they could serve as an "emotional trigger."

Last week, State's Attorney Stephen Seden-



sky released a report on the Newtown massacre that concluded Lanza had acted alone, and that his motivation for the attack "may never be answered."

The town has intended for the 911 recordings to be the final release of evidence from the case. Other phone calls and crime scene photographs exist, but have been sealed by state officials.

Otherwise, once the Dec. 14 anniversary has passed, the town may finally get a reprieve from the exhaustive media coverage of the past year.



Up your style, and the attitude will follow suit



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A great poet once said, "Fresh dressed like a million bucks." (I think it was either Slick Rick or Pablo Neruda.)

Here at RedEye, we just wrapped up the fourth annual November of Dressing Nicely project. If you missed it, the **#NoDN** (hashtags then, now and forever) is a campaign I started to spotlight the well-

dressed denizens of the Second City. We had more support this year than we've had since the initial launch of the campaign. There were more than 300 posts on Instagram in addition to mentions on WGN Morning News, WCIU, and Fox. Photos came in from cities like New York, L.A. and Atlanta.

In addition to that, we gave 32 of the most stylish Chicagoans a chance to shine in our Best Dressed Chicagoan contest. Congrats again to JP and Betsy, our winners. The most consistent thing I noticed? Enthusiasm. Can't help but think that the lesson here is to be enthusiastic about the person you are when you look your best.

I used to have delusions of grandeur about **#NoDN**, you know. My sincere belief was that if Chicagoans dressed better, then we would suddenly gain more national respect and all the societal issues we currently face out here would be solved. Can you imagine? "Guys! Did you see Hank's tie and pocket square?" [pauses] You know what? I'm done being racist." (Gotta love that mid-20's naivete, right?)

Still, the feeling you get when you're dressed nicely is that of pure confidence and relief. It's second only to finally peeing after holding it in on the train ride home. You have better posture, you smile, you don't look like you're going to kill someone.

The goal of this entire campaign has been to provoke you to seek out that feeling you get when you're at your most stylish. It's harder than it sounds, especially on the days when you don't want to. That's the rub though. Those are the days you have to go hard. Still stumped? Here are three things I recommend to help you look your best.

■ **Diversity in your wardrobe helps.** So does having a set of clothes that can be dressed up and down. Make sure you have the staples so you aren't tempted to settle for the same shirt every day so that jerk Kevin doesn't talk smack about you at work. Matter of fact, you should probably just avoid Kevin. He's a parasite with an inferiority complex. God, I hate that guy.

■ **Learn your actual size.** Not the size you're going to be in five months. Not the size you were four months ago. Your actual size. You will feel so much better, I promise.

■ **Set your clothes out the night before.** It's so much easier and you won't have to think about it.

So that's what I've got for you this year. Next time you're gussied up, remember how you feel. Try and bring that feeling to your everyday. You'll feel good and you'll look good. That's half the battle right there. See you next year!

ERNEST WILKINS IS CHICAGO'S WINGMAN.



TUMBLR THURSDAY

You know the drill by now—if you're not following these Tumblrrs already, you should be. Have a suggestion for a Tumblr to feature? Send a tweet to [@jessicagalliaart](#). —JESSICA GALLIAART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

Respectful Rappers [respectfulrappers.tumblr.com](#)

What if rappers were "a little less angry and misogynistic"? This Tumblr imagines such a world and creates alternative lyrics for popular rappers:

ORIGINAL LYRIC:

"I'm trying to pull this dime and her fat ass friend keep gettin' the way"

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"Don't let culture and industry tell you what kind of body to have / You're all beautiful"



The Bob's Burger Experiment [thebobburgerexperiment.tumblr.com](#)

If you're at all familiar with "Bob's Burgers" on Fox, you'll appreciate this cooking blog. This guy makes **recipes from the burger ideas** that show up on the chalkboard in the show and then executes them. Says he hasn't made a bad one yet.

★ (Thanks, Ernest!)



A "bruschetta-bout-il" burger inspired by "Bob's Burgers"

312Works [312works.tumblr.com](#)

This one is ours! Follow the Tumblr for our new Instagram storytelling project, 312Works, to check out a few of our favorite submissions so far for the first theme, #312commute, and find out how to get involved.

HOW DO YOU VENTRA?

RedEye CTA columnist Tracy Swartz will appear on a special live episode of "Chicago Tonight," which is exploring the problems associated with Ventra, the CTA's new fare payment system, Thursday at 7 p.m. If you would like to be part of the studio audience, email ChicagoTonight@wttw.com with VENTRA TICKETS in the subject line. Please include your name, email address and phone number.



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UIC's new faculty union is voting this week on whether to authorize a strike.



A pit bull looks from its cage at the Waukegan Police Animal Control facility in Waukegan on Nov. 7. STACEY WESCOTT/TRIBUNE

PIT BULL OVERLOAD

Chicago Tribune

At Chicago's main animal shelter, a pit bull mix wags his tail and licks a visitor's hand through iron bars, eager to find a friend. In an adjoining cage, a pit bull snarls and bares his teeth at passing strangers. Across the aisle, another pit bull barks continuously.

Pit bulls make up 40 percent of the dogs that come into Chicago Animal Care and Control—and about two-thirds of the dogs that get euthanized if they can't be adopted. They are flooding local shelters, prompting animal advocates to try desperate measures to address the problem.

The problem is simple, advocates say: People keep breeding pit bulls for money, and owners can't or won't handle them. So they

end up as one of the most commonly abused, neglected and euthanized pets.

Pit bulls have been both glorified and victimized by their reputation. Known for their powerful builds and large, broad heads and jaws, they're beloved by some for sweetness and loyalty, and feared by others for much-publicized vicious attacks.

Their growing numbers at shelters have run counter to what otherwise has been a great success in animal care in recent decades—a steady decline in impounded and euthanized pets. In Chicago, the number of animals put down each year dropped by more than half from 2006 through last year, to about 8,000. The number of pit bulls impounded, however, went steadily up from 2010 to 2012.

The dogs' fate ultimately depends on how they are treated by humans—but just what to do is a point of controversy. The most common reason owners cite in giving up dogs, according to the American Humane Association, is that their landlords don't allow the pet. That's particularly the case for pit bulls, which are not welcomed in many apartment complexes, and which are not allowed under some homeowner insurance policies.

In Waukegan, Animal Control Director Susan Elliot says the breed is popular both with "thugs" who often mistreat them, and with rescuers who fall in love with the dogs. About half the dogs the shelter gets are strays—the rest are simply surrendered by their owners.

"The problem is, people don't want them after they're a year old," Elliot said. "They're not as cute. Now they're a dog, and you have to let them out. It's a lot of work, and people get lazy. ... They're wonderful dogs in the right hands."

CHICAGO DOGS IMPOUNDED, EUTHANIZED



*2013 through Nov. 19

SOURCE: Chicago Commission on Animal Care and Control



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Rep. Davis' \$25K mistake

Chicago Tribune

A Tribune investigation of U.S. Rep. Danny Davis' campaign finances has prompted the Chicago Democrat to correct a \$25,000 error in a federal disclosure, but he has not rectified reports by two of his state committees that are inaccurate or incomplete.

Davis acknowledged last week that a state campaign committee that he formed in 2010 to back his mayoral bid misreported the origin of a \$59,107 deposit and that one of his state committees failed to properly disclose about \$17,000 in credit card charges. That committee also has been fined thousands of dollars for failing to comply with other reporting requirements.

Davis, who has represented the 7th Congressional District since 1997, attributed some of the reporting errors to his volunteer staff's unfamiliarity with campaign finance laws.

Federal and state laws require campaigns to disclose the names of major contributors and identify where campaign money is spent. Those requirements are intended to assure the public that committees are complying with campaign finance laws.

EXPRESS LINES

» Daley Plaza, long home to privately maintained Christmas and Hanukkah displays, now has a giant letter "A" representing the atheist and agnostic community.

» The Cubs got preliminary approval from aldermen Wednesday for an ordinance to give them more flexibility to schedule night games. A push for an outdoor plaza where consumers could drink alcohol was delayed.

» Police confiscated more than 50 pounds of illegal drugs after they arrested two men when they saw one giving the other a package of cocaine in Gage Park on Tuesday, officials said. TRIBUNE

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Homicides from Nov. 20 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz

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CHICAGO VIOLENCE

ONE CITY UNDER THE GUN

In Roseland, a 19-year-old man was shot to death Monday in the 11300 block of South Edbrooke Avenue, police said. One day earlier, a 24-year-old man was fatally shot in the 11100 block of South Vernon Avenue, according to officials.

Roseland has recorded 16 homicides so far this year. The South Side community area logged 18 homicides last year, RedEye determined.

In East Garfield Park, a 27-year-old man was shot to death Saturday in the 3100 block of West Arthington Street, police said. Six days earlier, a 32-year-old man was fatally shot in the 300 block of South Sacramento Boulevard, according to officials.

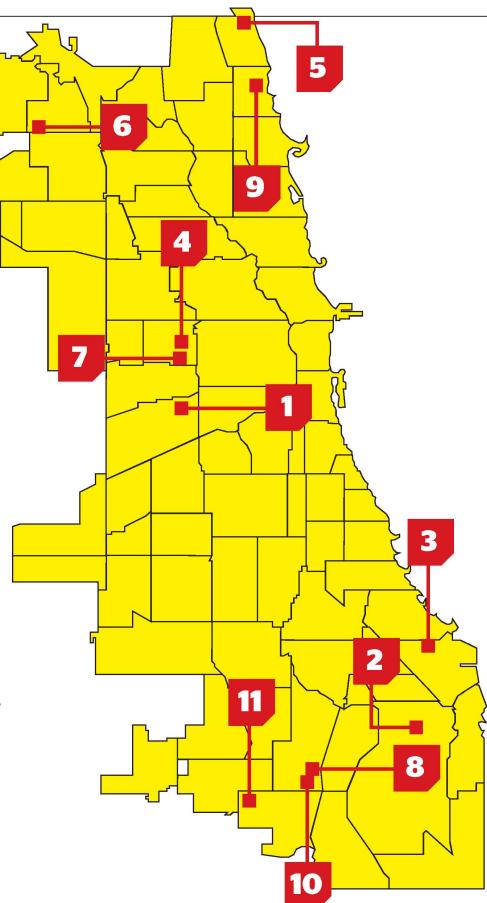
East Garfield Park has logged nine homicides so far this year. The West Side community area recorded six homicides last year, according to RedEye data.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were logged in the last two weeks in Edgewater, Rogers Park, South Chicago, South Deering and West Pullman, based on police information.

East Garfield Park and Roseland each have recorded two homicides in the last two weeks, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

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Meanwhile, two women were stabbed to death in the last two weeks. A 39-year-old woman was stabbed to death Nov. 28 in the 4800 block of North Moody Avenue in Jefferson Park, police said. A week earlier, a 27-year-old woman was fatally stabbed in the 2200 block of South Sacramento Avenue in South Lawndale, according to officials.

November ended last week with 27 homicides, down from 38 homicides in November 2012, RedEye found.

Four homicides have been recorded so far this month. Twenty-seven homicides were logged in December 2012, RedEye determined.

1 2200 BLOCK OF S. SACRAMENTO AVE.

Date: Nov. 21 Cause: Stabbing

2 2400 BLOCK OF E. 100TH ST.

Date: Nov. 23 Cause: Gunshot

3 2700 BLOCK OF E. 80TH ST.

Date: Nov. 23 Cause: Gunshot

4 300 BLOCK OF S. SACRAMENTO BLVD.

Date: Nov. 24 Cause: Gunshot

5 7500 BLOCK OF N. GREENVIEW AVE.

Date: Nov. 27 Cause: Gunshot

6 4800 BLOCK OF N. MOODY AVE.

Date: Nov. 28 Cause: Stabbing

7 3100 BLOCK OF W. ARTHINGTON ST.

Date: Nov. 30 Cause: Gunshot

8 11100 BLOCK OF S. VERNON AVE.

Date: Dec. 1 Cause: Gunshot

9 1100 BLOCK OF W. GLENLAKE AVE.

Date: Dec. 2 Cause: Gunshot

10 11300 BLOCK OF S. EDBROOK AVE.

Date: Dec. 2 Cause: Gunshot

11 11600 BLOCK OF S. BISHOP ST.

Date: Dec. 3 Cause: Gunshot

MORE ONLINE

Check out RedEye's interactive homicide map at [redeyechicago.com/homicides](#), which now includes information on every homicide in Chicago since Jan. 1, 2007.



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Hezbollah members and relatives carry the coffin of Hassan al-Laqis on Wednesday in Beirut. REUTERS

Hezbollah blames Israel for commander's killing

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates: A senior Hezbollah commander was gunned down in Beirut early Wednesday in what could be a sign of further sectarian escalation and spillover from the Syrian conflict into Lebanon.



al-Laqis

Hassan al-Laqis, 53, a founding member of Hezbollah, was shot and killed outside his home in a Shiite Muslim neighborhood of the Lebanese capital, according to Al Manar, the official

tory of targeting Hezbollah leaders.

Iran is a major sponsor of Hezbollah and, like Hezbollah, is a major supporter of Syria's embattled president, Bashar Assad. Hezbollah's involvement in the Syrian civil war has fueled sectarian tensions in Lebanon between Shiite and Sunni Muslims, although it was not immediately clear whether those tensions played a role in al-Laqis' death.

A previously unknown group calling itself the Free Sunnis of Baalbek Battalion claimed responsibility for the killing in a series of tweets, although neither the claim nor the existence of the group could be confirmed.

"Hezbollah is warned from attacking any free person from the free people of the Sunnis in Baalbek and threatens that this operation is merely the beginning of the great battle of purification," one of the tweets said. Baalbek is a mountainous Lebanese region that borders Syria and is considered a Hezbollah stronghold.

Hezbollah blamed longtime enemy Israel for the killing, but Israeli officials denied responsibility. "We are not particularly sad about it, but we had no part in this," Energy Minister Silvan Shalom told Israel Radio.

It is common for Hezbollah to blame Israel for unexplained attacks, and Israel has a his-

Coroner rules actor's death an accident

Actor Paul Walker, best known for his roles in the "Fast & Furious" action films, died from "combined effects of traumatic and thermal injuries" in a car accident, the Los Angeles County coroner said on Wednesday. Universal Pictures has put filming "Fast & Furious 7" on hold for an unspecified period.

Police recover stolen radioactive material

Mexican police have found dangerous radioactive medical material stolen by thieves that the United Nations said could provide an ingredient for a "dirty bomb," the country's national nuclear safety commission CNSNS said Wednesday. The truck was found close to where it was stolen outside Mexico City.

51 whales stranded on Florida beach

A frantic rescue operation has begun along a remote beach at Everglades National Park, where 51 whales have become trapped in the shallows and 10 have died. Six whales have died on the beach so far, and four more were in such weak condition that veterinarians on the scene euthanized them.

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Can this road warrior carry the Bulls with Derrick Rose out?

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Ringling Bros. could have used Luol Deng when the circus was in town last week.

The 28-year-old forward has been juggling roles in the wake of Derrick Rose's season-ending injury last month. His latest position: the Bulls' go-to guy.

In Monday's triple-overtime loss to New Orleans, Deng played 55 minutes, scored a season-high 37 points, nabbed eight rebounds and posted seven assists. It was the Bulls' first home game since returning from their annual two-week road trip while the circus was at the United Center.

"It's a new experience, but I got to keep working on it and keep working on my game," Deng said of being a closer. "We had a tough trip. Not going to lie and say I wasn't tired out there."

Though the Bulls went 1-5 on the circus

trip, Deng excelled—perhaps because he's a road warrior. This summer he visited 16 countries, including nine in Africa. Along the way, he hosted basketball camps and promoted his Luol Deng Foundation, dedicated to helping African refugees in need of food and supplies.

Acting as hoops ambassador is a role Deng, who leads the Bulls with 19.4 points per game this season, has embraced. He's in his 10th season in Chicago—a feat achieved by only four other players, including Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen.

And even though his future as a Bull is uncertain because of trade talks since Rose's injury and a six-year, \$71 million contract that expires after this season, he has been lauded as a foundation player for the franchise.

"I don't think you can win a championship without a player like Luol," coach Tom Thibodeau said before the season. "He does so many things for our team that go unrecognized by most except his teammates and coaches. He's a complete player."

Deng's story reads like a melodrama. He

was born in Sudan and at age 5 fled the country during its civil war. One of nine children, Deng and his family settled in Egypt and then London. He played for Duke University and in 2004 was drafted in the first round by Phoenix and quickly traded to Chicago.

In more than nine seasons with the Bulls, he has averaged 16 points per game. He was selected as a reserve for the 2012 and 2013 NBA All-Star Games.

He has balanced his play with charity work, earning praise from President Obama. After Deng won the U.N. Refugee Agency's Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2008, Obama said, "Both on and off the court, Luol sets a standard of excellence and service that all Americans can look to for inspiration."

Deng enjoyed a homecoming in his native Sudan in the summer of 2010 for the first time since leaving in 1990. This year, he returned to Africa to visit Ghana, Ivory Coast, Angola, Senegal and South Sudan, among other spots.

He experienced his own circuslike trip this summer when he found himself jumping



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—Tom Thibodeau, Bulls head coach on Deng's performance on the court



Luol Deng
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through hoops to travel from Mongolia to London, his home city. After a three-day trip to Mongolia, Deng spent five hours flying to Hong Kong only to have his flight to London canceled.

Instead, he flew from Hong Kong to Malaysia and then to London. All the yo-yoing took 40 hours.

"It was me and a friend of mine. We ate, watched different movies," Deng told RedEye. "Slept at the airport. It was just the longest 40 hours ever."

The tight turnarounds have made him a veteran traveler.

He said he packs a small pillow and his

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iPad to watch movies and binge on TV. Before the circus trip, he was saving the final season of one of his favorite road shows: "Breaking Bad."

Dramatic storylines should be familiar to Deng and the Bulls. Rose's "Return" was short-lived, and starting guard Jimmy Butler has been out with a toe injury.

The Bulls face perhaps their strongest test Thursday at the United Center against

Miami. The Bulls last played the Heat on Oct. 29 in Miami, where LeBron James and company won 107-95 in their ring ceremony/season opener. Deng scored four points.

Since then, he has grabbed the spotlight. The featured role once reserved for Rose and ex-Bulls Ben Gordon and Nate Robinson is now his.

"I work on my game every day, whether it's the last shot or the first shot or a shot in the second quarter," Deng said. "I try to make every shot I take. It's definitely a different situation than I haven't been in."

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QUITE THE CREW

Deng joined an elite group of players this year as the fifth player to stay with the Bulls for 10 or more seasons. Here's a look at the group he joined.

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TWEET LU

Though Luol Deng has been described as soft-spoken, he gives a window into his personality on social media. He documented his trips overseas this summer on Instagram (@luoldeng90) and hits a variety of topics on his Twitter feed (@luoldeng9).

SEPT. 17:

For those that love video games, metal gear solid for playstation is in the hall of game.

SEPT. 17:

More ppl know about GTA V release than Syrian conflict lol

JULY 25:

If you're looking for some quality hip hop, check out ANTHM's The Fire Next Time mixtape. boy is nice

JULY 25:

Be patient, sometimes we're already sitting on everything we're looking for.

JULY 1:

"It always seems impossible until it's done"
— Nelson Mandela

JUNE 30:

Is White House Down a spoof of Olympus Has Fallen?

JUNE 25:

As much of a game-changer as Thriller was, Off The Wall is Michael's best album.

JUNE 22:

if opinions were jewelry, would you look like slick rick

JUNE 15:

you can't complain about radio anymore. lot of quality music out there. we don't have to like what we're told to like.

JUNE 12:

everyday, someone sheds tears over a cracked iPhone screen.

JUNE 11:

Too many reality shows. I can't keep up.

CHARMING

One panelist suggests eating Lucky Charms in your underwear while watching "The Book Thief." Or maybe that's just one way to interpret it.



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1	With Derrick Rose out, Luol Deng must...	... call off the bet he made. Or someone's wearing his underwear on the outside and calling himself Quailman.	... learn all the names of the Luvabulls.	... prepare for the onslaught of stupid questions about why the Bulls are failing.	... increase his trade value exponentially.	"Dodges question" Luol Deng must have one of the coolest names in the league.
2	Instead of Marc Trestman, who should be making the Bears' decisions on the field?	"Raises hand" "Partially lowers it, pretends to be joking" "Re-raises it"	Like I've always said, bring the Honey Bears back.	Call Coach Q. He has the mustache for the job.	Ask Madden	The BCS computers. Complete and total madness!
3	Patrick Kane was the NHL's First Star for November. What does he do for an encore?	Compete in whatever sports award prizes involving hearts, moons and clovers.	"Freebird!"	He visits every person who wanted him traded back in 2011 and gives them a hug.	Buy another round.	My computer just read this question as "Hockey ... cannot compute ... sorry."
4	Bumping passengers from a flight so a college hoops team can take their place. Cool or uncool?	Uncool, unless any of the passengers contributed to the making of "The Book Thief."	Cool only if the starting center gets changed for extra legroom.	Depends on the team. If it's a team like Syracuse, not cool, but I kinda understand. If it's DePaul, they can walk.	That's about as cool as Adidas commercials (so not cool).	I guess this is Delta's way of making sure one University of Florida team plays in Atlanta this weekend.
5	Got any fantasy football playoffs advice?	Start your kicker at quarterback and take shots of mustard whenever the ball is touched. Wait, good advice?	Lingerie football stats will help.	Shut up about your fantasy football playoffs.	All RBs suck, and don't pick up ANYONE signed with Adidas.	Most of you reading this aren't in the playoffs, so continue blaming your misfortunes on injuries. I know I will.

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Strike the pose, Jordan



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If a player from Northern Illinois was going to receive Heisman Trophy consideration, he'd have to be video-game good.

I'm talking Bo Jackson in "Tecmo Bowl" good, the kind of player who repels defenders like a raincoat in a thunderstorm and turns the scoreboard into his own personal

slot machine.

One guy has. This season, Huskies quarterback Jordan Lynch has been that good. He'll make his final case to voters Friday when NIU takes on Bowling Green for the MAC championship.

And while that comparison may be blasphemous to anyone who takes video games seriously, all you've gotta do is watch the highlights of Lynch's last game, on Nov. 26 against Western Michigan, to know they're warranted.

Multiple times in said game, Lynch dropped back to pass, surrounded by defenders, unable to find anyone open. Amid the chaos, he found an escape route, running through a wall of defenders and making tacklers miss en route to touchdown runs of 29, 36 and 37 yards.

It looked like ... well, it looked about as likely as running a 5k on the Kennedy and emerging unscathed. Tecmo Bo, meet Tecmo Jo.

Lynch, a Mount Carmel product, has two of the nation's five 300-yard rushing games this season, setting a single-game record for rushing yards by a quarterback both times. Passing? He's not bad at that either, throwing for 22 touchdowns against five interceptions.



Jordan Lynch
US PRESSWIRE

He's only the fifth quarterback in the 20-20 club as well, having passed and rushed for 20 touchdowns this season.

Skeptics who have claimed that Northern Illinois' less-than-rigorous regular-season schedule disqualifies him are turning into believers—but maybe that's because they're just now tuning in.

Surveys by both ESPN and USA Today show Lynch ranks second among possible Heisman candidates behind only Florida State's explosive Jameis Winston.

It's been 80 years since a school in the Chicago area produced a Heisman winner—the first, actually, was Jay Berwanger from the University of Chicago.

A stellar showing Friday by Lynch could make him the second. Sure, it's a long shot on par with an 80-degree day in Chicago in January, but it's the best one there's been in nearly a century.

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Take a bow, Paulee

If the White Sox's new strategy focuses on nostalgia, this move is golden. Paul Konerko will return for his 16th season with the team, having signed a one-year, \$2.5 million contract. Now, if only they could find someone to take Adam Dunn off their hands...



THE MOUTHWATCH

What we're gonna do is have my doctor write it on a piece of paper and have my doctor put it in an envelope, and then on Christmas, Jay and I are going to open it together so it's a little surprise."

—Kristin Cavallari, aka Jay Cutler's wife, on how the couple will learn the gender of baby No. 2

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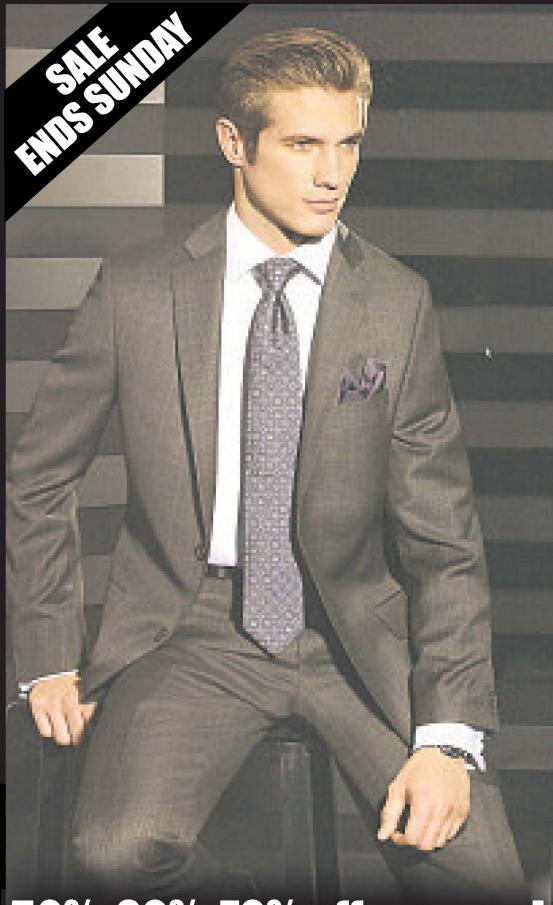
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Plan early for your New Year's Eve, whether it's dinner or a dance party

By Samantha Nelson | FOR REDEYE

If you're hoping to ring in the New Year somewhere more exciting than your buddy's apartment, it's time to get planning. From a romantic dinner for two to a massive themed bash to hit with your entire crew, this list of early warnings has you covered for Dec. 31 revelry.

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DECADENT DINNERS

New Year's Eve at Hot Chocolate

1747 N. Damen Ave. 773-489-1747

Owner Mindy Segal spent her honeymoon this fall in Paris and now she's bringing the romance and food of France to her Bucktown restaurant with a menu including lobster bisque, Dover sole, steak frites and tiramisu. Come early for a four-course dinner or dine later and score an added cheese course. For an additional \$40, you can add drink pairings that include an aperitif, three wines and a cider made from frozen apples that resembles ice wine.

When: 6, 6:30, 8:30 or 9 p.m.

Price: \$60 (6 and 6:30 p.m.); \$75 (8:30 and 9 p.m.).

Reservations accepted by phone.

New Year's Eve at Jellyfish

1009 N. Rush St. 312-660-3111

The Gold Coast restaurant is going all-out for its first New Year's, offering a drink package that covers everything on their regular menu and including a signature Golden Sunrise cocktail made with sake and gold flakes. Along with grabbing passed appetizers such as Peking duck bao buns, you can graze from four stations serving indulgent bites such as caviar, lobster tails and maki made with torched wagyu beef, truffle and asparagus. DJ Jimmy Munoz spins.

When: 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Price: \$195. Buy tickets online at eventbrite.com.

New Year's Eve at Dusek's Board and Beer

1227 W. 18th St. 312-526-3851

At this Pilsen restaurant, chef Jared Wentworth prepares a five-course tasting menu featuring seared scallops, braised pork cheek and braised rabbit ragout with beer pairings from Colorado's New Belgium Brewing Company. Along with your dinner, you'll get access to basement bar Punch House, where you'll find a cash bar and DJ beats.

When: 6:30 or 9:30 p.m.

Price: \$75. Reservations accepted by phone.

HOTEL BASHES

New Year's Eve Masquerade Bash at Roof

201 N. State St. 312-239-9502

The bar on top of the Loop's The Wit hotel offers passed appetizers and cocktails—featured spirits include Patron, 10 Cane, Maker's Mark and Belvedere—until 1 a.m. DJ Zen Freeman spins until 2 a.m., so you can keep the party going with the cash bar and take advantage of a 14 percent discount on hotel rooms.

When: 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

Price: \$163-\$225. Buy tickets by phone or online at rofonthewit.com.

Chicago Scene 14th Annual New Year's Eve Party

The Drake Hotel 140 E. Walton Place 312-787-2200

This bash sells out every year, so book early if you want to be one of the 2,500 revelers spread over the Gold Coast hotel's three ballrooms (four for VIPs) and 45 (yes, you read that right) bars. Graze on appetizers and a dessert and coffee buffet, and ring in 2014 with a champagne toast and balloon drop. DJ Jem, Dance Floor Junkies and Miro on Drums spin. You'll also start the year with some good karma, since a portion of the night's proceeds benefits charities such as the Anti-Cruelty Society and Make-A-Wish.

When: 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

(8 p.m.-2 a.m. for VIP)

Price: \$135-\$185; \$165-\$215 for VIP. Buy tickets at chicagoscenenewyears.com.

New Year's Eve at the Palmer House Hilton

17 E. Monroe St. 312-726-7500

Play poker, craps, roulette and blackjack for a shot at winning cash prizes at this benefit for the Starlight Children's Foundation. DJs from 103.5 KISS FM spin in three ballrooms and VIPs have access to two more which will be rocking out to tunes from DJ FM and cover band Your Villain My Hero. A buffet offers pasta, 10 different appetizers and desserts. Admission includes six drink tickets with more available for a \$1 donation to the Red Cross, plus access to a pre-party at Sound Bar on Dec. 30 and an after-party at Hard Rock Cafe.

Where: 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Price: \$135; \$165 for VIP.

Buy tickets by phone at 312-697-9107 or online at chicagomye.com.

DANCE PARTIES

New Year's Eve at Castle

632 N. Dearborn St. 312-266-1944

The sprawling 60,000-square-foot River North nightclub spreads its party across five rooms (six for VIPs) with local DJs spinning and a video countdown to a midnight confetti storm and balloon drop. Drink packages and a buffet are available from 7:11 p.m. with an upgraded version for VIPs from 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

When: 7 p.m.-4 a.m.

Tickets: \$49-\$59; \$79 (with food and drink package); \$129-\$159 for VIP. Buy tickets by phone or online at castlechicago.com.

Nova NYE at Sound Bar

226 W. Ontario St. 312-787-4480

You'll get a glass of champagne when you walk in the door and another at midnight at this annual bash, which only has 140 tickets left. A long list of DJs including Konstant, Noisy Neighbor and Kazmeer spin mash-ups, house and techno all night at the River North club. Tickets include a buffet of small bites, a premium drink package until 1:30 a.m., noisemakers and party favors, plus an invite to a hosted New Year's Day brunch buffet at Barn & Company.

When: 9 p.m.-4 a.m.

Price: \$150. Buy tickets online at novanye.com.



The Golden Sunrise at Jellyfish
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New Year's Eve at The Mid

306 N. Halsted St.
312-265-3990

Saddle up to one of four bars serving Belvedere and Bombay Sapphire drinks as part of a premium drink package until 1 a.m. Music varies by room, with DJs Ian Ross, Moe Beats, Samaro and others spinning everything from top 40 to techno. Tickets also include a table of sweet finger food (9-11 p.m.), a midnight confetti storm, a champagne greeting and three days of hosted pre-parties at Bull & Bear on Dec. 27 and State on Dec. 28 and 30.

When: 9 p.m.-4 a.m.

Tickets: \$89-\$165. Buy tickets online at clubtix.com/themid.

THEMED SOIRES

New Year's Eve Monster's Ball at Stage 773

1225 W. Belmont Ave.
773-327-5252

While it might seem more appropriate for Halloween, this bash brought out so many spookily dressed partiers last year that the Lakeview theater is reprising the theme, complete with a haunted house and a zombie band. Tickets include appetizers, drinks and a champagne toast, with VIPs also scoring access to a lounge with a photo booth, monster makeup applications, beer from Revolution and Three Floyds and cocktails mixed with local booze from Few Spirits, Koval Distillery and

Halsted Vodka.

When: 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Price: \$70; \$100 for VIP. Buy tickets by phone or online at stage773.com.

Nirvana 2014 at Cactus Bar & Grill

404 S. Wells St.
312-922-3830

DJ Sohbash and Jimmy Singh spin Bollywood tunes at this 10th annual costume party, which includes a drink package, dinner buffet, party favors, balloon drop and midnight champagne toast. The Financial District spot's two rooms will be equipped with satellite bars to keep lines down, and the first 400 guests get free masks.

When: 8:30 p.m.-2 a.m.

Price: \$85. Buy tickets online at bhangratheque.com.

Bootlegger's Ball at Moonshine

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**Bagel and lox (\$13.95) at Dillman's**

354 W. Hubbard St. 312-988-0078

The space across from the East Bank Club where Dillman's now stands went from an actual deli to a sort-of deli to an "American brasserie" with deli intentions. Before its current incarnation, it was Steve's Deli, then it was taken over by restaurateur Brendan Sodikoff and added to his expanding empire (Maude's Liquor Bar, Bavette's Bar & Boeuf, Au Cheval). After it opened, customers told Sodikoff they were confused as to why a delicatessen didn't have glass deli cases and premade food, so the decision was made to

remove all visible mentions of the d-word. But its mission of making Jewish grandmotherly food River North chic remained. Today, its lunch menu is Dillman at its deli-est, not kosher in the least, but with compulsory matzo-ball soups, pastrami sandwiches and magnificently ultrarich chopped chicken liver toast. I liked the restaurant's straightforward take of bagel and lox. If only to sample their boiled-and-baked bagel, bearing the aroma of a warm bakery shop. It's chewy but with plenty more toothy give than I'm used to. The toasted halves receive a schmear of cream cheese as soft as whipped butter, then a shingle of cured shaved salmon with dill, raw onions and capers. Here's one case where not deviating from the norm was a good call. **KEVIN PANG, TRIBUNE**

Sautéed Maine scallops and soba gnocchi (\$15) at Takashi

1552 N. Damen Ave. 773-772-6170

My favorite dining moments happen when I put a bite in my mouth, then my eyes get really big. Cue Takashi's scallop dish. Perfectly cooked, creamy-smooth scallops are nestled into a happy home of trumpet mushrooms and small, firm gnocchi, but the real powerhouse here is the celery root-parmesan foam. It's a rich, cheesy bubble bath for your tongue that I'd happily soak in all day. **DANA MORAN**

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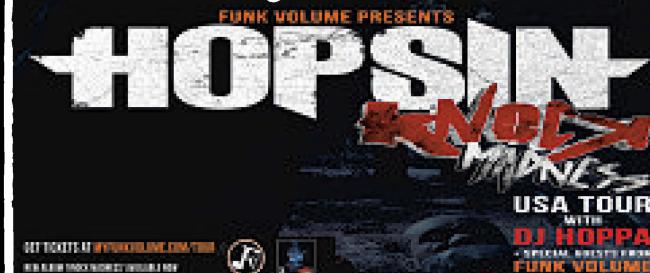
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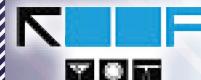
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Idris Elba in "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom"



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Idris Elba moves past hesitation to take lead in 'Long Walk to Freedom'

Los Angeles Times

British actor Idris Elba is having what he describes as a "beautiful moment" in his career. His off-screen life, though, is another story.

The third season of his acclaimed British detective series, "Luther," for which he won a Golden Globe in 2012, recently aired on BBC America, and he's reprising his role of Heimdall in the blockbuster "Thor: The Dark World."

And he's garnering rave reviews—not to mention awards buzz—for his complex performance as Nelson Mandela, the legendary South African leader who helped end apartheid, in the new biographical drama "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom," which opens Friday. But during a recent interview, the 41-year-old Elba admitted he's "numb" to the attention and praise.

"It's weird at the moment," the strikingly handsome actor said.

"My dad died eight, nine weeks ago," he said, quietly. "He was 76. He died of lung cancer. I am having to deal with grief and it has taken a profound effect on me."

The actor, who is an only child, used his father, Winston, as the basis for his performance. His father immigrated to London from Sierra

Leone; his mother, Eva, is from Ghana.

Though from different African countries, Elba explained, his father and Mandela had the same cadence in their speech. There were other similarities in their behaviors, from the way they crossed their legs to holding their fingers while talking, which helped him immeasurably in bringing Mandela to life. "My dad had a big silver ball of hair and Mandela has that, so that was my framework," he said.

At first, Idris, who plays Mandela from his 20s through his late 70s, was reluctant to take on the role of the lawyer and anti-apartheid activist, who spent 27 years in prison before becoming the country's first democratically elected president.

Not only did he feel he was too young to play the role, "I am actually four shades too dark," said Elba.

But director Justin Chadwick had an instinct about Elba. "He's a subtle actor that totally inhabits a role," Chadwick said in an email. "The producers had imagined I'd cast a Hollywood star, but I loved that Idris carried no baggage into whatever role he plays. We weren't going for a look-alike version, but wanted to catch the spirit of the man."

Elba, Chadwick added, "is a true gentle man, very warm and generous. He is also fearless. And that's how people described Mandela the young man to me."

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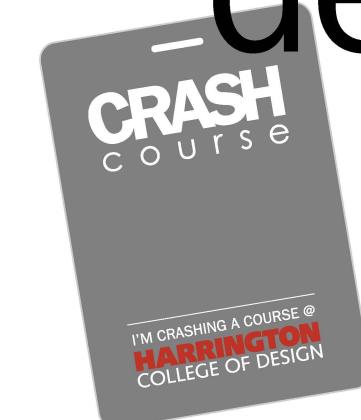
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Wait, who's flying this plane?!

'Nikita' star Maggie Q is leaving one big secret up in the air

By Curt Wagner | REDEYE

The final season of The CW's "Nikita" is unraveling new plot twists every Friday, but there's at least one mystery that won't be solved before it's over: Who exactly is flying Team Nikita's plane?

"Will you tell me if you find out? I have no clue," star Maggie Q told RedEye, laughing, during a recent interview. "We would talk about different situations and bringing on different pilots and people they know. And then who actually flies and blah, blah, blah, and this, that and the other. And it was just all kind of a running joke—and not something we could get into."

Nikita and her pals have made the plane their lair for the season. She,

Michael (Shane West), Birkhoff (Aaron Stanford) and Ryan (Noah Bean) all have been seen in the back of the plane together, so none seem to be flying it.

Alex (Lyndsy Fonseca) and Sonya (Lyndie Greenwood), along with wild card Sam/Owen (Devon Sawa), all are on the ground running their own parts of the operations.

Maybe the plane is outfitted with one fantastic auto-pilot?

"You're like, 'What the ...?' Yeah. It's so true," Q said. "I feel the same way and it's gonna be one of those things that people just talk about and one of those things that we're not gonna bring up."

She added, laughing again: "I'm not telling because we don't know."

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'Trapped in the Closet' saga continues on IFC

By Curt Wagner | REDEYE

R. Kelly and IFC are teaming up to unleash more chapters of his rap opera, "Trapped in the Closet," on the world, the network announced Wednesday.

"R. Kelly is an enormously talented artist and his creativity is on full display in 'Trapped in the Closet,'" IFC president Jennifer Caserta said in a news release. "We are fortunate to be his partner in this one-of-a-kind project that has captivated viewers and can't wait to bring the next chapters of 'Trapped' to IFC."

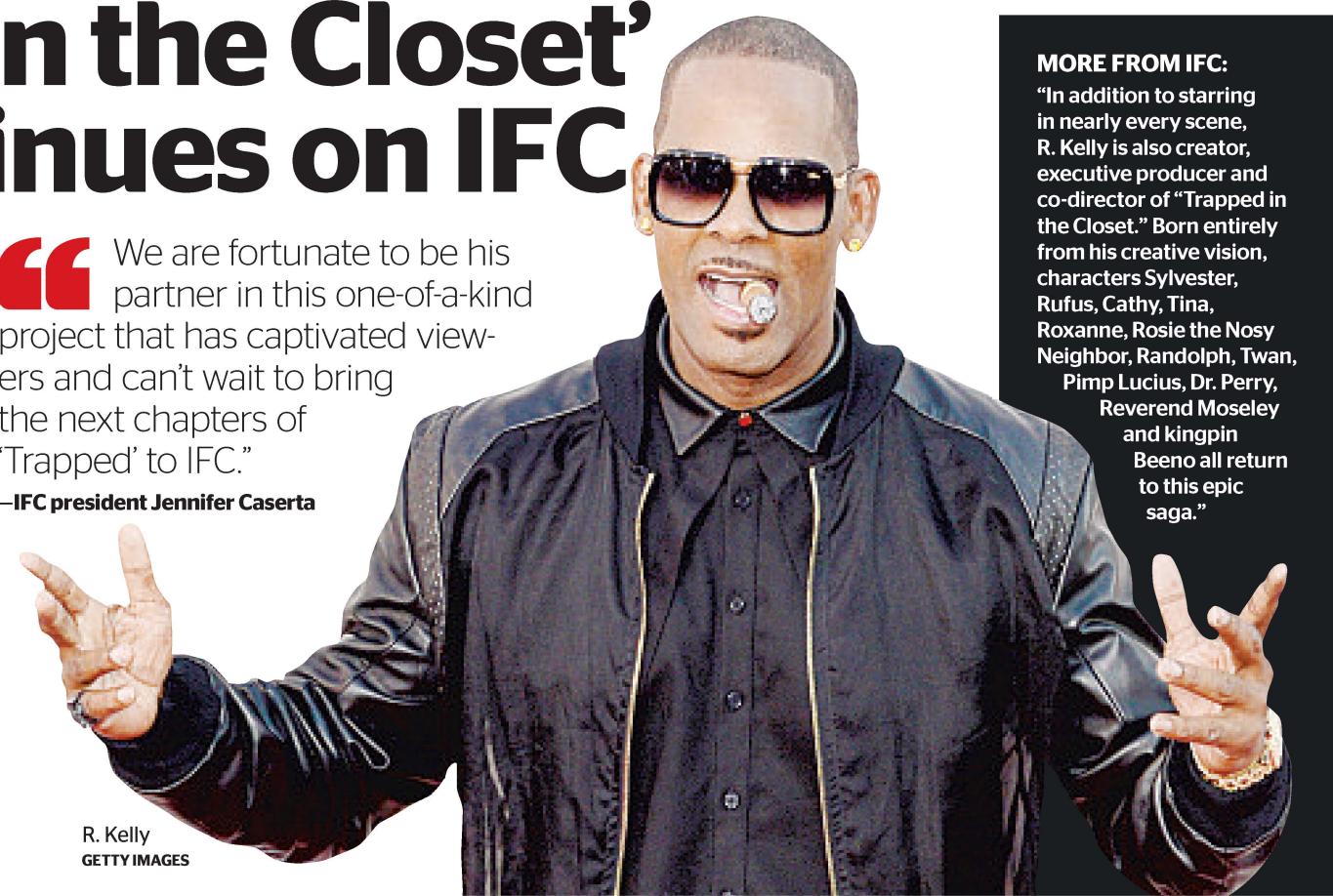
The new chapters will continue the epic story of Sylvester, Rufus, Rosie the Nosey Neighbor, Twan, Roxanne and Pimp Lucius sometime in 2014 exclusively on IFC. The network promises they'll be "filled with intense drama, crazy situations and tumultuous relationships."

All 33 previous chapters of "Trapped in the Closet" will air beginning at 4:15 p.m. Saturday on IFC, but can be watched any time at IFC's website.

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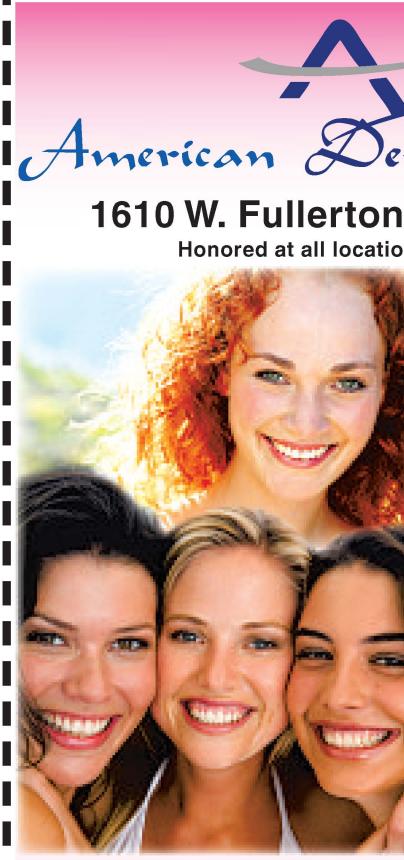
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Telling white lies didn't hurt 'Atlantis' star Jack Donnelly



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Jack Donnelly jumped into his auditions for BBC America's fantasy series "Atlantis" using a few well-placed bluffs.

"I lied through my teeth," he said, laughing, during a recent phone call from London.

When asked by producers if he had a gymnastics background that could

help him play Jason, a young man who sword-fights, rides horses and leaps from rooftop to rooftop, he dodged the question by telling them about his younger brother, Harvey, who is a gymnast in Cirque du Soleil.

"And they're like, 'Amazing, that's great,'" the 28-year-old said. "Once I got the part they sent me off to a stunt coordinator ... and

I said, 'Listen, I don't even think I can do a forward roll.'"

After weeks of training, Donnelly was doing all sorts of stunts as Jason, the lead character, who is blasted through a gateway into the mythical land of Atlantis, where minotaurs and two-headed dragons aren't so unusual.

Jason befriends Pythagoras (Robert Emms) and Hercules (Mark Addy), and the threesome cross paths with creatures and characters from Greek mythology.

In the third episode, premiering at 8 p.m. Saturday on BBC America, Jason and his friends are forced to leap over charging bulls to pay respect to the Greek god Poseidon. Donnelly actually jumped for the scene, but the bull was added to the shot later so there was little chance for injury.

He wasn't so lucky when filming a sword fight scene. He landed in the hospital after a mishap with what should have been a rubber knife.

"I blocked one of the knives that was being



Jack Donnelly
in 'Atlantis'
BBC AMERICA

stabbed at me but it went through my elbow. We finished the take and it was all good," he said. "We were about to move on and I looked down and had this hole in my arm."

He's fine now—but if you see a scar on his arm, it's likely real, he said.

Donnelly's looking forward to more action now that the series, created by Howard Overman ("Misfits"), Julian Murphy and Johnny Capps ("Merlin"), has been renewed for a second season.

Jason is the actor's biggest role to date; he's appeared on British TV episodes including playing the White Rabbit on Overman's "Misfits," which led to another white lie from the actor during his "Atlantis" audition.

"I tried to make it seem like I knew [Overman] when I was auditioning. 'Yeah, yeah, I know Howard. I've been in his other shows,'" Donnelly said.

He and Overman didn't meet until later. Just another bluff.



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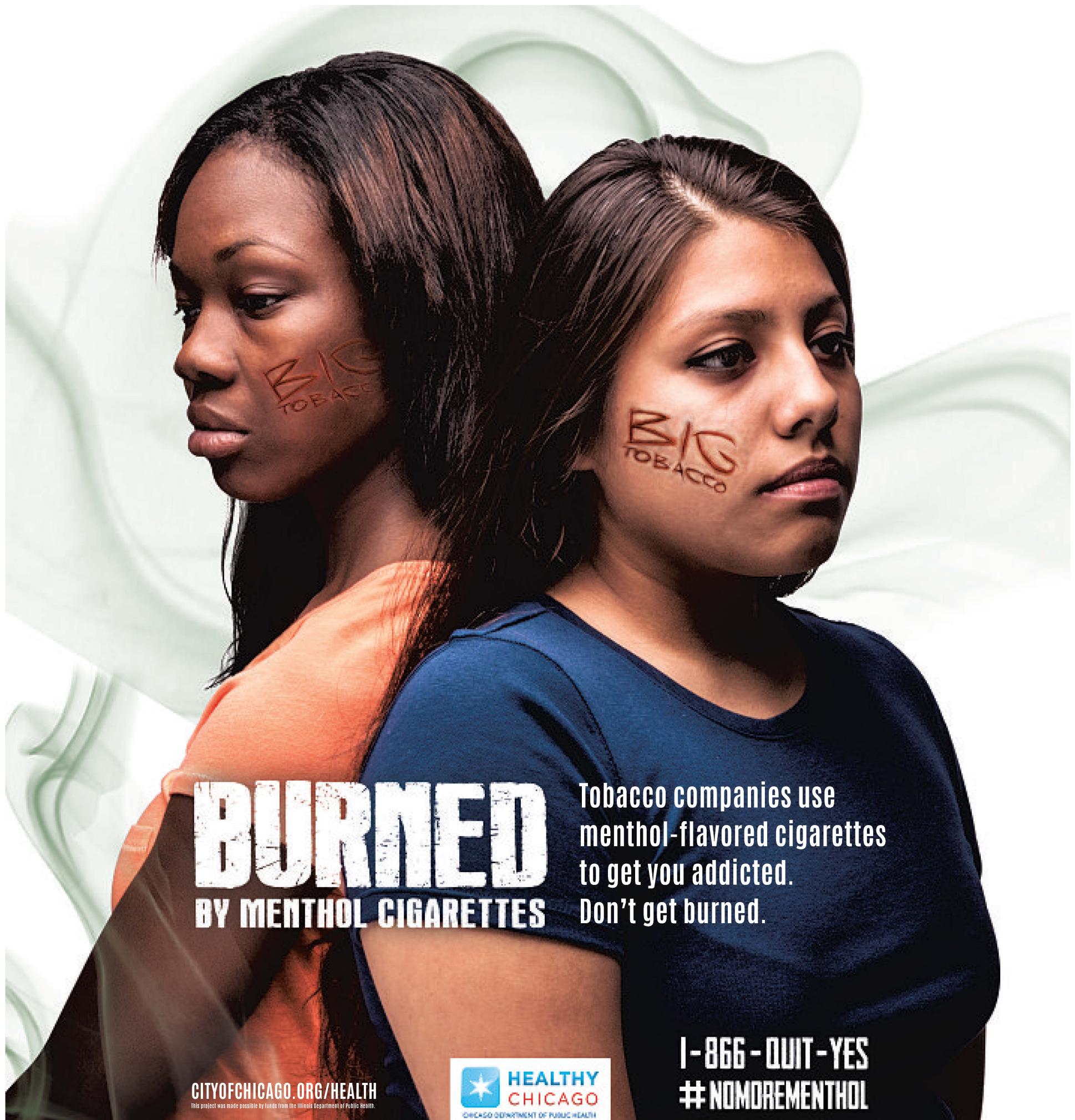
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Favorite things get a twist in new 'Sound of Music'

Reuters

Producers of a new version of the Oscar-winning musical "The Sound of Music," knew it would be sacrilege to try and remake the beloved 1965 movie classic starring Julie Andrews.

And country singer Carrie Underwood, who will star as the aspiring nun who brings song into the home of a strict Austrian widower, says she cringes when she hears the word "remake."

So when the lights go up on the live, televised version of "The Sound of Music" on Thursday on NBC, audiences will see a few twists to some of their favorite things, and a lonely goatherd or two in an unusual place.

That's because producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron have gone back to the stage show first seen in 1959 for their version in a format, live TV, not used for about 50 years.

"You would never, ever contemplate doing a re-make of the movie of 'The Sound of

Music' because it's a classic. It would be huge mistake to even contemplate it," Zadan said.

"We thought if we did the stage show, not on a Broadway stage but on movie sets, it would be something unique, a hybrid. ... It is an extraordinary experiment. The TV audience is going to see something live that has never been done in this generation."

"True Blood" star Stephen Moyer plays the captain with seven children who leaves Austria rather than take a job with Hitler's Navy on the eve of World War II. The cast also features award-winning Broadway stars Audra McDonald (playing Mother Abbess), Laura Benanti (Elsa Schrader) and Christian Borle (Max Dettweiler).

Zadan and Meron say that fans familiar with the musical could be in for a few surprises.

Not only is "The Lonely Goatherd" sung during a thunderstorm rather than "My Favorite Things," as in the movie, but the stage show has a slightly darker tone, with more



'The Sound of Music'

emphasis on the looming Nazi threat.

"This version does have all the things that audiences love about the film, but they are presented in a new way for most people," Meron said. "It brings out different values."

Underwood, who has little acting experience, has been rehearsing since late September. She arrived with her lines already memorized but has been working with a dialect coach—not to sound more Austrian but to even out what she calls her Southern twang.

"I am from Oklahoma. I live in Tennessee. I sing country music, sometimes words really slip out sounding like where I am from," she said.

Underwood admits to some nerves about being compared to Andrews, but hopes that audiences will see the new show as a different way to fall in love with "The Sound of Music."

For TV audiences, the show will be like watching a live movie with no lip-synching and without an audience on the set, Zadan and Meron said.

"It's a show you want to watch live—if someone trips and falls, or hits a bad note or forgets their lines, you are going to see it," Zadan said. "We have taken on something that is really exciting, and we are thrilled to death, and also scared to death."



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Dana: I was not prepared for that in the slightest
Megan: IT'S TRUE
Megan: Pretty sure I can sing better in the shower than these clowns
Megan: I WANT TO CLIMB EVERY MOUNTAIN JUST SO I CAN THROW MYSELF OFF OF IT
Megan: Somewhere in my youth or childhood I must have done something horrible to have to listen to this piece of [bleep]

WEDNESDAY (via instant message), 2:23 p.m.

Dana: WHAT THE [BLEEP] IS THIS VERSION OF THE SOUND OF MUSIC it really makes me appreciate the richness of Julie Andrews' voice so much more this is just reedy and barfy
Megan: it seems like these songs have been transposed into lower keys AND ALSO slowed down. she just can't handle it.
Dana: but let's be honest who could handle it? mariah? CAN YOU IMAGINE IF IT WAS MARIAH?
omg i just got to "Maria" this is supposed to be delightful sing-talking

By Megan Crepeau and Dana Moran | REDEYE

Confession: Both of us are HUGE fans of the original "Sound of Music" movie. We used to play the soundtrack in the office. We went to the sing-along at the Music Box last weekend. So when we heard NBC was doing a live production starring Carrie Underwood, we were ... well, "horrified" seems not quite strong enough. Fortunately, we've been given a delicious preview: Spotify has released the soundtrack. Here's our excerpted conversation as we listened along.

and it sounds like the mice from Cinderella

Megan: all the singers are sliding all over the place, rather than hitting notes cleanly
Dana: do you think julie andrews is going to watch this?

Megan: do you think we could invite her over Friday night? Julie, if you're reading this, my door is always open
Dana: i imagine her at home in a velvet bathrobe with one of those bottle-sized wine glasses from Cougar Town next to a crackling fire it did always confuse me a little that julie andrews had a british accent and was allegedly austrian

Megan: oooh do you think Carrie Underwood will fake a british accent for this?

ok what song are you on

Dana: the goatherd it's not....the worst? her yodels sound like a cat being strung on a violin
Megan: ok though really though these kids are autotuned, right?
Dana: oh try to tell me carrie isn't autotuned too i really want to know julie andrews' thoughts on this also, if she ever had a real-life affair with christopher plummer

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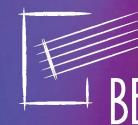
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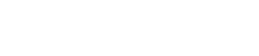
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Curious case of ShowYouSuck

By Ernest Wilkins | REDEYE SOUND BOARD

When I say "rapper," what comes to mind? A tired stereotype with gold teeth and a big car? ShowYouSuck (real name: Clinton Sandifer) aims to buck traditional notions of what it means to be a rapper. From his lyrical content—which contains heavy doses of hardcore rock, comic books and cartoons—to his proudly straight-edge lifestyle, he's the rapper even rap fans aren't used to encountering. ShowYouSuck's new EP, "Dudebro," which dropped Nov. 26, solidifies this approach.

Chances are you aren't listening to this kind of rap. We should change that. RedEye sat down with the 28-year-old Bellwood native. ERWILKINS@TRIBUNE.COM | [@ERNESTWILKINS](https://twitter.com/ERNESTWILKINS)

When I met you [Full Disclosure: Sandifer and I are social acquaintances], I didn't know you rapped—you were just Clinton, the cool guy who worked at Code of Conduct, the South Loop tattoo studio.

Yeah, I've been rapping since the seventh grade and then started doing more freshman

year of high school openly. I went to school for fashion marketing and management at SAIC and then helped Floyd Davis open up ArtPentry and Code of Conduct. Through those avenues, I got opportunities to show what I was making to the world.

Everything I've heard about your music can be summed up in the word "unorthodox."

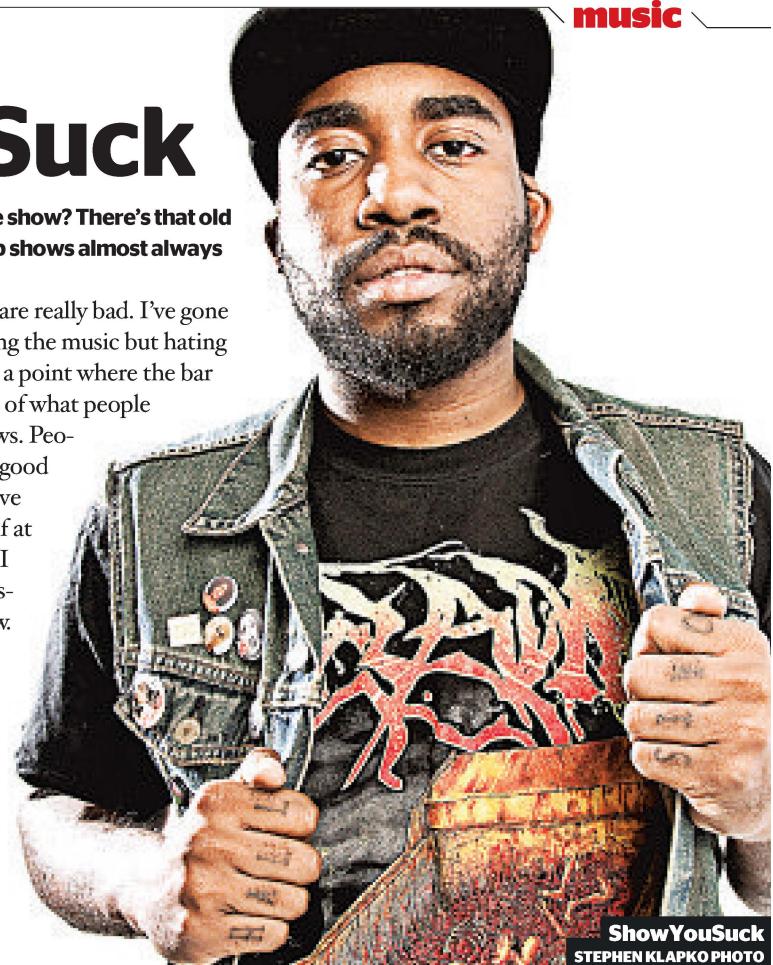
I've been in situations where I'd read a write-up and people would try not to call what I do rap. I think they mean it as a compliment, but I find it insulting. Call what I do rap, because rap can be things other than the stuff you're used to. That's the flag I'm waving.

Where do you fit into Chicago's rap community?

I think I represent the idea that you can make rap that sounds like traditional rap but can talk about different topics. You can have something going on and not be 19, 18 or that. That tends to get glorified more than it should.

What about your live show? There's that old stereotype about rap shows almost always being terrible.

Generally the shows are really bad. I've gone through years of loving the music but hating the shows. We got to a point where the bar was lowered in terms of what people expect from live shows. People say the show was good and it really wasn't. I've always enjoyed myself at hardcore shows, and I tried to bring that aesthetic to my live show. ... I want to have a party. I'm also trying to do a lot with a little [money] so that all has to have extra thought behind it. You just gotta come out and experience what we do. It's a non-stop party, I promise.



ShowYouSuck
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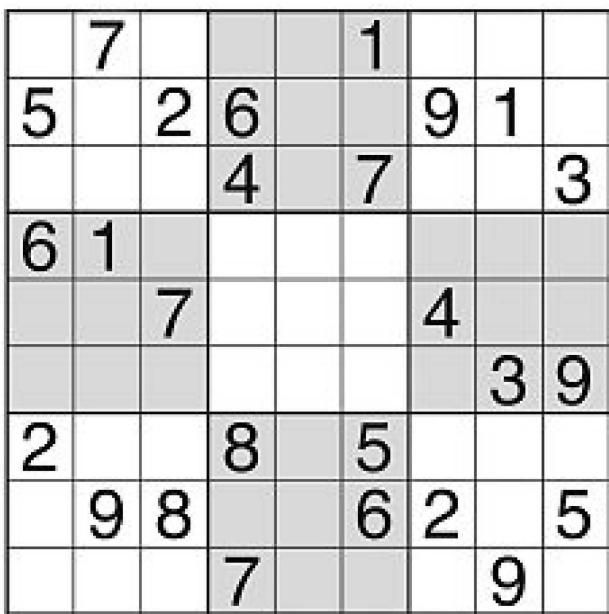
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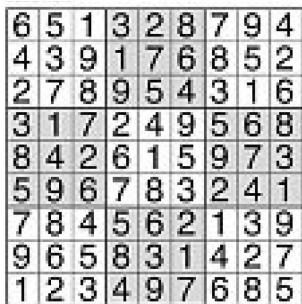
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TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1848: President James Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.**1933:** National Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.**1989:** East Germany's former leaders, including ousted Communist Party chief Erich Honecker, were placed under house arrest.

ACROSS

1 Pecan or almond
4 Bonfire residue
9 Dutch __; cast-iron kitchen pot
13 Letters of urgency
15 Range
16 Plunge headfirst
17 Students' signal to go to class
18 Ladies
19 Hardly __; infrequently
20 In __; prepared
22 Make smooth
23 Concern
24 "If __ all the same to you..." (2)
26 Attack violently
29 __retriever; popular dog
34 Thin boards
35 Lack of foresight
36 Regret
37 In no __; swiftly
38 Wingless insect
39 Windy day toy
40 Wedding words
41 beans
42 Short-__; not around for long
43 Practical folks
45 12-inch sticks
46 White __; termite
47 Audacity
48 Black card
51 Found; set up
56 Path
57 One of the Judds
58 Small alcove
60 Very bad
61 Follow as a result of
62 Stickum
63 Pianist and singer
64 Domino
65 Takes a break
66 Wet's opposite

DOWN

1 Capture
2 Drug addict
3 Story
4 Like Jacuzzi water
5 __ Age; period of cavemen
6 Residence
7 Nights before big events
8 Down-to-earth
9 Ukrainian port
10 "I __ el rey!"; Spanish shout
11 If; albeit
12 Geeky fellow
13 Soothe
14 Speaker's platform
15 Give it a go
16 Up and about
17 Go down smoothly
18 American __; Pacific island territory
19 Oafs
20 __; cast-iron kitchen pot
21 Students' signal to go to class
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46 Practical folks
47 12-inch sticks
48 White __; termite
49 Molten rock
50 Military division
52 Of sound mind
53 Throw
54 Convinced
55 1/24 of a day
59 Door opener

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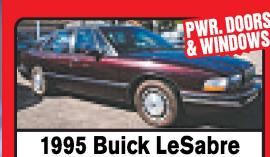
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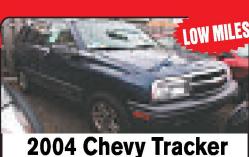


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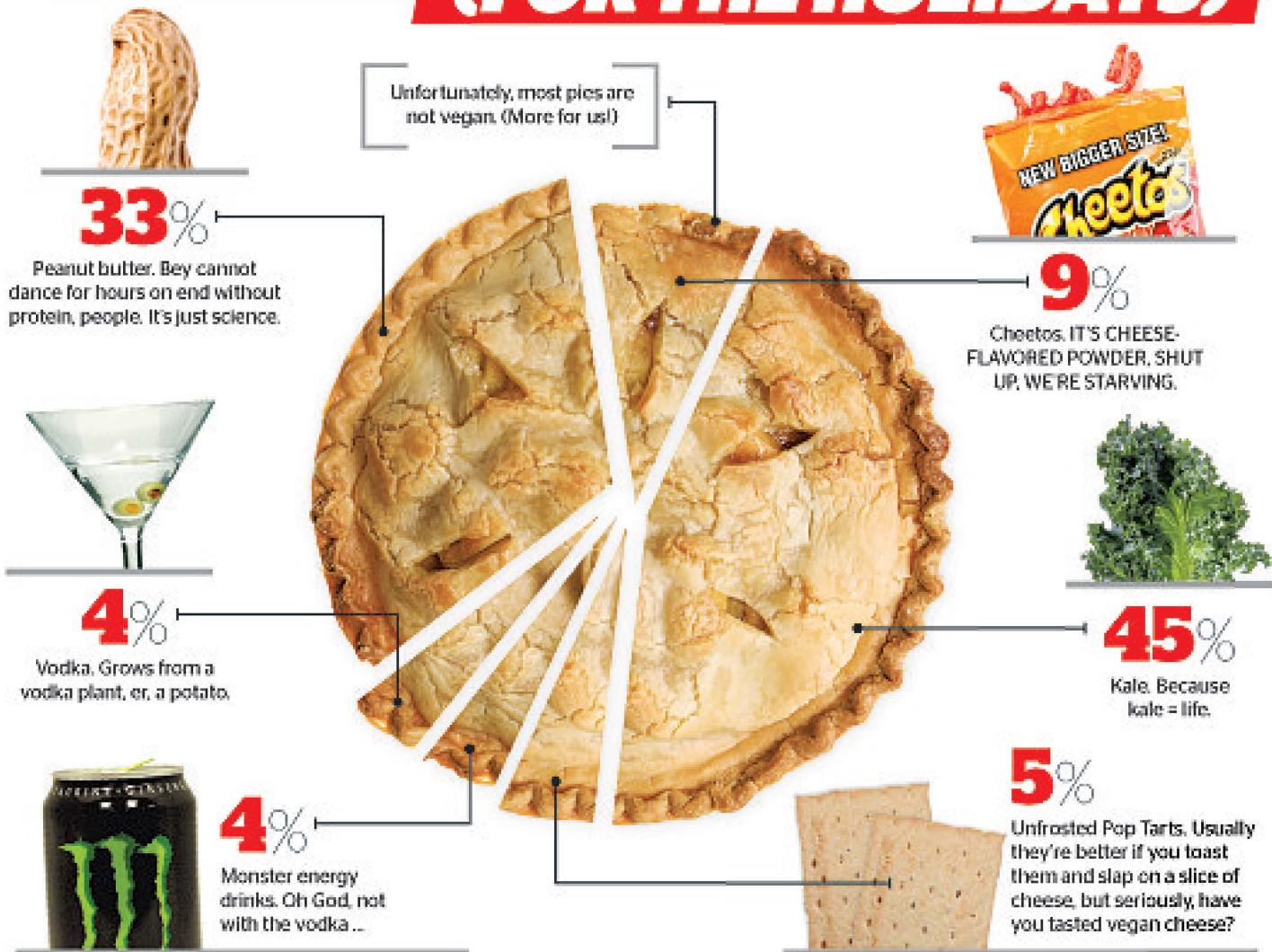
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Beyoncé and Jay Z
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(FOR THE HOLIDAYS)



Beyoncé and Jay Z are giving up meat. This shan't be ending well.

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Merry December to you, animals of Earth. Good tidings: Jay Z and Beyoncé will not be consuming any of you EVER AGAIN. Wait, that's probably an overstatement. Jay announced Wednesday on his website that, in honor of his birthday, he and Beyoncé are going vegan for 22 days. For those of you doing the math, that means they'll be back on the meat wagon come Christmas (they started Tuesday), so watch out, all you hams and turkeys. What might Bey and Jay be eating during those 22 days? We broke it down in pie chart form.

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Sweaters & Thigh-Highs.



Meet Yuri.

She's a hip-hop dancer and avid museum visitor born and raised in Japan, and currently living in Tokyo. She moved to Tokyo recently to attend university, where she studies Latin American Culture and has even learned to speak a little Spanish. As a child, Yuri was always singing, dancing, drawing and also played basketball. As we all know, it's only a rare breed that is capable of bringing together that sporty/artsy combination. Today, she's leaned towards the more creative aspect of her personality, taking photos of her travels, dancing, collecting magazines and modeling for us in her free time. The fascination with photographing her travels came when she traveled to Hawaii with her family when she was 11. It was the first time she'd been abroad, and it was one of the most exciting experiences of her life. The modeling, however, is something new that Yuri has picked up. We spotted her working at our Shibuya store, and asked her if she would model some of our items for our photographers.

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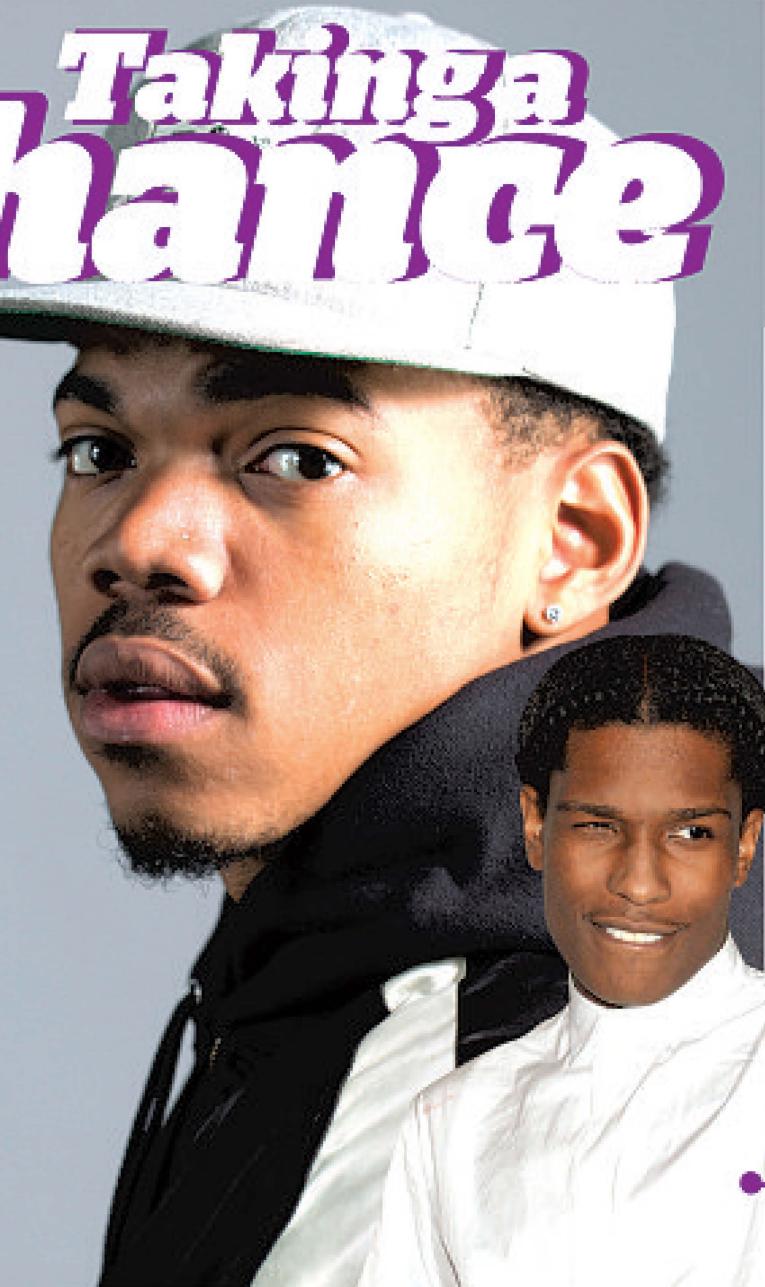
'Downton Abbey'

Royally exciting

Warning: Slight spoilers follow! "Downton Abbey" is getting extra-festive this holiday season. The U.K.'s Telegraph reports that the Crawley family will head to Buckingham Palace for the Season 4 finale, traditionally known as the show's Christmas special. Guest stars include Paul Giamatti and Jamie Foxx, and THAT'S ALL WE'RE GOING TO TELL YOU, because Season 4 doesn't start in the U.S. until Jan. 5.

Well, this is disturbing. It appears that Chance the Rapper will be collaborating with Justin Bieber, according to some recent tweets. In a move we actually agree with, rapper Jeremih tweeted Monday that he was in the studio with Chance. Bieber responded: "@chancetherapper we are next." Nonononononono. Noononoo.

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No more wondering

Stand aside, Batman and Superman: There's a new woman in town. Wonder Woman, to be exact. Variety.com reports that Gal Gadot has been cast in that role in the upcoming "Batman vs. Superman" flick. She's starred in half the "Fast and Furious" movies, so hopefully she's used to kicking butt alongside the boys.

World's biggest fan?

Just like a letter to Santa, if you write to A\$AP Rocky, somehow it'll find its way to him. A North Carolina middle-schooler named Graceson sent the rapper a letter, but it was sent to the wrong office. Fortunately, it was then posted to Instagram so that the rest of us can learn about Graceson's love for Rocky's music, and that his favorite song is "Wild For The Night."



THE QUOTE

"All my friends are like, 'Can you be on my side in the zombie apocalypse?' and I'm like, 'I got this.'"

— Taissa Farmiga, to Vulture, on the important skills she's picked up during "American Horror Story: Coven."



THE QUOTE

"I tried as hard as I could to find a Quaalude, and I could not find any."

— Jonah Hill, to The Hollywood Reporter, on the drug scenes in "The Wolf of Wall Street." Instead, a drug expert was brought on set to explain the sensations to the actors.

HOT DATE

March 14

That's when the "Veronica Mars" movie will hit theaters, ew.com reports. That's exactly one year and one day after the film's Kickstarter campaign started, leading to contributions from 91,585 fans.

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